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## **An Act To Improve Maine's Ethics Laws**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1015, sub-§3, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 301, §3, is further amended to read:

B. The Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer or the staff or agent of the Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer may not intentionally solicit or accept a contribution from a lobbyist, lobbyist associate or employer during any period of time in which the Legislature is convened before final adjournment, except for a qualifying contribution as defined under Title 21-A, section 1122, subsection 7. A lobbyist, lobbyist associate or employer may not intentionally give, offer or promise a contribution, other than a qualifying contribution, to the Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer or the staff or agent of the Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer during any time in which the Legislature is convened before final adjournment. A member of the Legislature may not intentionally solicit or accept a contribution from a lobbyist, lobbyist associate or employer on behalf of the Legislator's employer during any period of time in which the Legislature is convened before final adjournment. These prohibitions apply to direct and indirect solicitation, acceptance, giving, offering and promising, whether through a political action committee, political committee, political party or otherwise.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits Legislators from soliciting donations or contributions from lobbyists on behalf of the Legislator's employer.